

THE FOUR WINDS

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL QUARTERS

It is understood that the King may fly to Suffolk in the Royal Envoy this week. This would be his first flight since his accession.

Mr. Whitney Straight has offered his services to the Boy Scout movement in helping Scouts to form air patrols near his aerodromes at Ramsgate, Ipswich and Exeter.

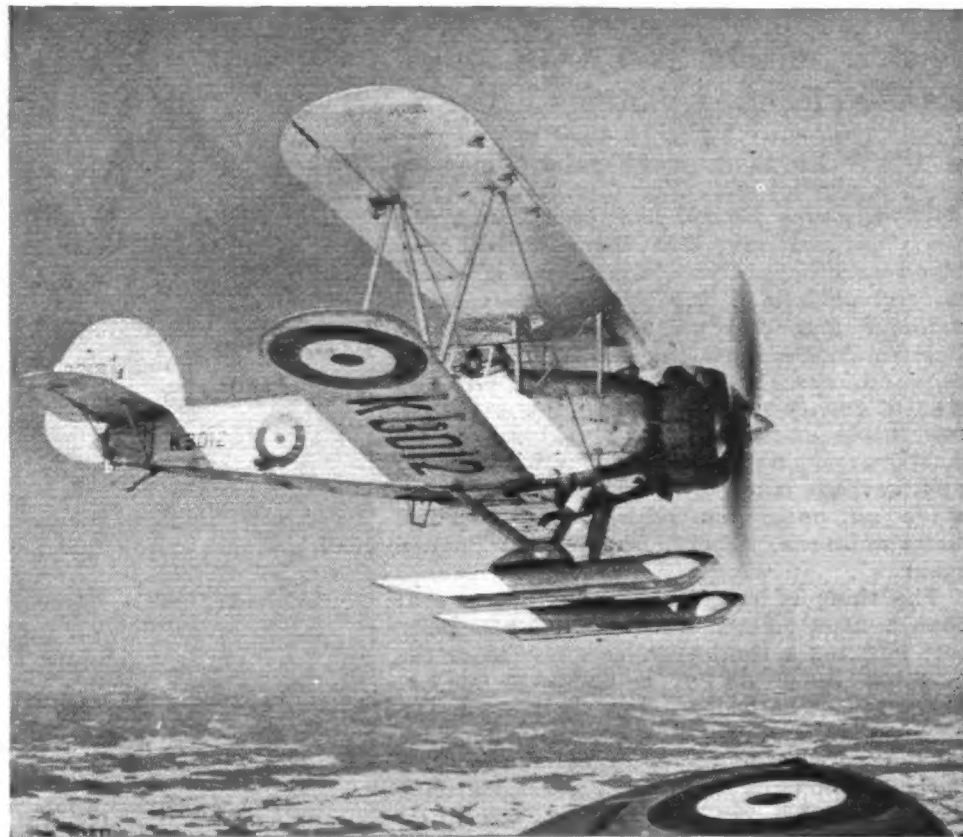
According to a report issued by the U.S. Bureau of Air Commerce an electrostatic spark, igniting a mixture of free hydrogen and air, "probably" caused the destruction of the airship *Hindenburg*.

It is reported that flying-boat construction will begin next month at the factory now being completed at Dumbarton by Blackburn Aircraft, Ltd. The Clydeside works cover an area of 300,000 square feet and will employ 2,000 hands.

An advance party of technicians and general office staff from Brough are already in possession of their new quarters. Sir Maurice Denny, Bt., chairman of William Denny and Bros., Dumbarton, has joined the Blackburn board.

Readers holiday-making in the Isle of Wight next week, and all interested in yachting, should note that two special numbers of *The Yachting World* are to be devoted to Cowes Week. In the first of these, on sale to-morrow, are outlined the prospects for the event.

On the spans of the world's longest bridge across San Francisco Bay between Oakland and San Francisco are six huge beacons for guiding aircraft entering and leaving the harbour. The lenses are 24 in. in diameter and contain two 1,000-watt lamps. So that the bridge operators will know that the beacons are functioning properly their revolutions are visibly indicated on a control board in the Administration Building.



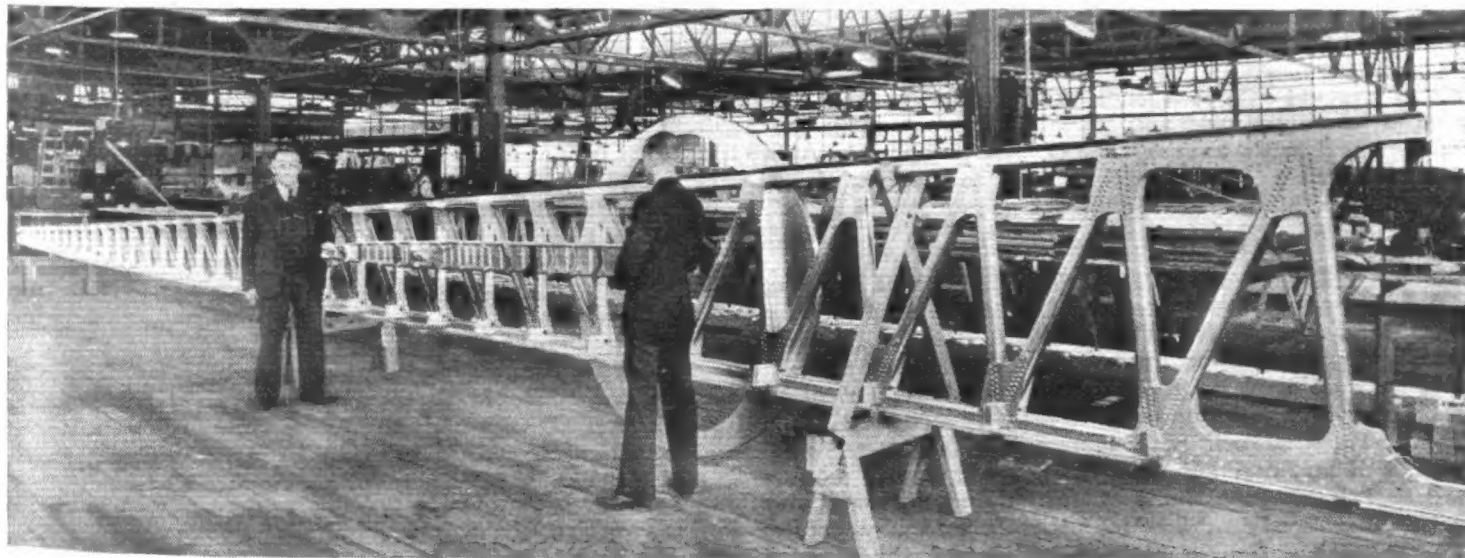
OUT IN THE COLD, COLD SNOW — : A Special Hart with Perseus sleeve-valve engine, skis and cockpit enclosure on test with the Royal Canadian Air Force. In the foreground is a wing of a recently acquired Northrop Delta.

Two Austrians, Herr Marek and Herr Emmer, have established a new altitude record for hot-air balloons by reaching 24,700 ft.

M. Pierre Cot has inaugurated at Nantes the first military aircraft factory built since the nationalisation of the French arms industry.

Rumania has ordered twenty-four Savoia Marchetti S.79 bombers capable, it is believed, of well over 250 m.p.h.

Two members of the Harvard Institute of Geographical Exploration were flown to a base camp on a glacier and subsequently scaled two Alaskan peaks, one being 17,150 ft. high.



SPAR OF A CLIPPER : A spar for the 152-foot wing of the 72-passenger Boeing Pan American Clipper (four two-row Cyclones) compared with that of a P-26A pursuit machine. The Clipper should be finished late this year. It will weigh 82,000 lb.—about twice as much as an Empire boat.